HB 114 Early Learning Training and Assessments

<u>Purpose:</u> To improve the quality of instruction in grades Preschool through Grade 3 by providing educators with evidence-based professional learning and job-embedded coaching supports

Fiscal Request: \$17,755,000 ongoing

Funding Overview and Breakdown

All Districts and	Regional Service	Utah State Board of Education
Charters	Center Districts and	
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Formula Grants \$7,830,000 ongoing • Each district or charter may apply to receive approximately \$900 per PreK through grade 3 teacher to use to support professional learning to advance evidence-based knowledge and skills of educators • Examples of how professional learning funds may be used include: stipends for teachers to attend training, presenter fees, coaching supports, substitute costs, etc.	Implementation Support Coaches \$8,650,000 ongoing • Regional service centers will receive an appropriation to support the hiring of implementation support coaches to serve in the LEAs partnered with the regional service centers; funding will be allocated based on the number of PreK through grade 3 educators in the region • Charter schools outside of regional service center areas will be eligible to apply for funds to support coaching in their charter or within a group of charters (approx. 25,000 per charter)	\$300,000 ongoing USBE will adopt an early mathematics assessment to measure progress in early math for grades 1-3 Training will be provided by the state to build LEA capacity in administering and analyzing the data Early Learning Digital Platform Expansion \$80,000 ongoing USBE will expand the early literacy platform to also include math performance goals established at both the state and local level Early Mathematics Educational Specialists \$320,000 ongoing USBE will hire 2 math specialists to support local plans and implementation coaches Science of Reading Assessment for Teacher Licensure \$375,000 ongoing Require teacher candidates to pass an assessment to measure basic foundational understanding of the science of teaching reading Funds will cover the initial administration of the assessment for teacher candidates in special education, early childhood, and elementary education licensure programs Implementation Support Coaching Training \$200,000 ongoing USBE will provide ongoing training and support for the implementation coaches hired in the regional service centers and charters.